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PHILIPPINES

2008 Young Global Leader is a Philippine Humphrey Alumnus

Ilac Diaz from the Philippines, a 2005-2006 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), was named a 2008 Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Each year, the World Economic Forum recognizes 200-300 of the most accomplished leaders around the world who are under the age of 40. Nominations are based on a record of professional accomplishments, commitment to society, and “potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world through inspiring leadership.” During his Humphrey year, Mr. Diaz won the Social Impact Prize in MIT’s 100K Entrepreneurship Competition for a business plan to create sustainable urban housing for job seekers in developing countries. Also in spring 2006, Mr. Diaz led a team of Filipino students at MIT to win the 5th IDEAS Competition with their “First Step Coral Project,” a plan to hasten coral growth and rehabilitate coral reef resources using low-voltage electrical currents. Prize money from this competition was used to set up a model implementing the project in the Sagay Marine Reserve in the Philippines.



Ilac Diaz

JAPAN

Fulbrighter Researches Public Art and Friendship in Japan

James Kuehnle, an independent artist, pursued his 2007-2008 Fulbright Student award to Japan with two goals. One was to examine the art system in Japan and to produce a new body of performance and sculptural work, and the other was to research the public art process in Japan with the ultimate goal of completing a commissioned work. While meeting with numerous artists and city planners to explore the public art process in Japan, he produced his own works such as “Big Blob” or “Big Red” inflatable suits made from special plastic coated polyester fabric. “Lawn Bike” was his long-time project and reflected his innovative ideas towards bicycles, transportation and public spaces. His performances were widely appreciated in Japan and he received extensive local media exposure. Kuehnle was affiliated with Aichi Prefecture University of Fine Arts and Music.



Children follow James Kuehnle in his “Big Red” inflatable suit in Kyoto, Japan.



Fulbright Student James Kuehnle’s “Lawn Bike.”

AUSTRALIA

Fulbright Alumni Honored



Dr. Glenn Withers

Dr. Glenn Withers AO (Officer in the Order of Australia) was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Universities Australia in August 2007. Dr. Withers graduated in Economics with first-class honors from Monash University. In 1970, when he was at La Trobe University, he received a Fulbright Student award to study economics at Harvard University, where he obtained both a Masters degree and a Ph.D. He has been the Professor of Public Policy and Deputy Director at the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University for 10 years, and is also a Professor at the Australian and New Zealand School of Government. In addition to his academic career, Dr. Withers has held a number of senior positions, including: President of the Economic Society of Australia (ACT); State President of

the Committee for Economic Development of Australia, Australian Capital Territory (ACT); Vice-President of the Institute of Public Administration of Australia; and Chair of the Melbourne International Festival of Choreography and Dance. He was awarded an Officer in the Order of Australia in 1992 for his service in applied economics, particularly in the areas of immigration and population research. Appointments to the Order of Australia recognize outstanding achievement and service to the nation or to humanity.

Fulbright Symposium in Australia Focuses on ‘Muslim Citizens in the West: Promoting Social Inclusion’

The University of Western Australia’s Centre for Muslim States and Societies brought together local, national and international experts at the 2007 Australian Fulbright Symposium on the topic “Muslim Citizens in the West: Promoting Social Inclusion.” The keynote speech was given by Mr. Ahmed Fahour, Executive Director and CEO of National Australia Bank. As a prominent Australian of Lebanese and Muslim background, Mr. Fahour shared personal reflections on the topic. The aim of the annual Symposium, sponsored by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, is to publicly demonstrate the Commission’s mission of “promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and Australia through educational and cultural exchange.” Topics are of binational interest between Australia and the United States and engage leading speakers from both countries.



Fulbright symposium participants in Australia focus on promoting social inclusion.

Antarctica Second Home for Fulbright Alumnus



Dr. Tony Worby

National President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA), Dr. Tony Worby, a 1999-2000 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar to the Goddard Space Center at NASA, made his 15th voyage to Antarctica as the voyage leader and ice expert. The August 2007 expedition was part of the International Polar Year program that brought together more than 40 scientists from eight countries to study how Antarctic sea ice influences the earth’s climate.



THAILAND

Thai Educators Visit U.S. Schools and Attend Leadership Seminar

Ten Thai school principals and English language department chairs began the second iteration of the Thai Teacher and Administrator Exchange Program in March 2008. The educators spent a week in Washington, DC to observe exemplary schools and the relationship between schools and the larger community. They next traveled in pairs to schools throughout the United States to study best practices in school leadership and teaching English. They returned to Washington, DC in April for a program closing session and a seminar on building self-confidence in school leadership presented by Fulbright Administrator Program alumna Dr. Lilia Lopez, Principal of Mount Vernon Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia.



Thai participants tour a community center in Arlington, Virginia and learn how such centers help "at risk" students with after-school programs.



Thai participants in front of the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington, DC.



Brian Hinrichs (right) practices with his teacher.

Student Fulbrighter Studies Ethnomusicology in Thailand

U.S. Fulbright Student Brian Hinrichs (photo left) and his teacher practice the *khong wong yai* at Kasetsart University in Bangkok, Thailand, in October 2007. Hinrichs' grant was to study ethnomusicology in Thailand. Hinrichs is a 2007 graduate of Colgate College in New York.

Fulbright Senior Scholar Experiences Thai History

Dr. Margaret Kerr, 2007 Fulbright Senior Scholar, and husband David Wingate Snell, are pictured at a prehistoric site in Ubon, Thailand. During her Fulbright grant, Kerr lectured on green chemistry curriculum development and outreach at Chulalongkorn University in addition to other universities throughout Thailand. Kerr is a chemistry professor at Worcester State College in Massachusetts.



Dr. Margaret Kerr and her husband.

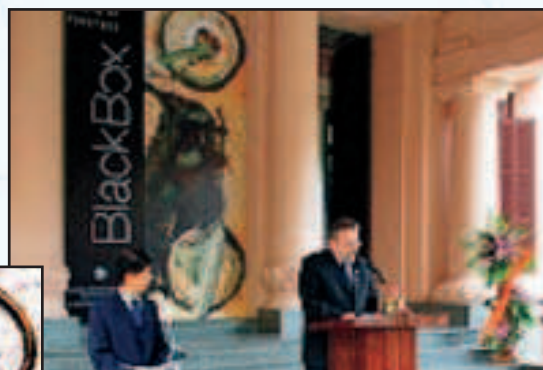
VIETNAM

U.S. Embassy Sponsors Vietnamese-American Artist's Exhibition

Then-U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Marine opened a groundbreaking exhibit at Vietnam's National Museum of Fine Arts on July 19, 2007. The show featured a series of lacquer painted boxes by 2004-2005 U.S. Fulbright Student PhiPhi (Katherina) Oanh Nguyen, a graduate of the Parsons School of Design in New York. For her Fulbright grant, she conducted an independent study in Vietnam. She studied the history and techniques of the tradition and then combined it with a modern approach, depicting common or shared experiences in present-day Vietnam.



Top of lacquer painted box.



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Sir Kenneth Keith

NEW ZEALAND

Fulbright Alumnus Recieves New Zealand's Highest National Honor

Sir Kenneth Keith, Fulbright Visiting Student to Harvard University in 1964, received New Zealand's highest national honor in June 2007, when he was appointed by Queen Elizabeth II to the Order of New Zealand in recognition of his service in the field of law. Membership in the Order is ordinarily restricted to 20 living New Zealanders at any one time. A former Supreme Court Judge, Sir Keith was the first New Zealander appointed to the International Court of Justice in 2006. He was knighted in 1988 for his service in law reform and legal education.

Fulbright Researcher Garners Awards

Fulbright Visiting Scholar from New Zealand Dr. Andy Wood began his research into new treatments for child neuroblastomas at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) in 2007. Dr. Wood has received the Australian Mutual Provident (AMP) Scholarship and grants from the Child Cancer Foundation and the Genesis Oncology Trust, both New Zealand-based, for his research.



Dr. Andy Wood

Fulbright Student Alumnus Named a "Top Young Historian"



Edward P. Kohn

U.S. Student Program Fulbright alumnus Edward P. Kohn was named a "Top Young Historian" in 2007 by George Mason University's History News Network. Historians on this list have made outstanding contributions to the discipline in their area of research through their commitment and achievement in scholarship and teaching. They are also highly regarded outside academia for their expertise and many are consulted by the popular media. Kohn's area of specialty focuses on twentieth century U.S. history and the history of U.S. foreign relations and diplomatic history. Kohn's Fulbright Student Program grant was in 1990 to New Zealand. He is an Assistant Professor at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey.



CAMBODIA

Photo by: Phally Chroy



Photo of a Cambodian peacock dance performance.

Fulbright-mtvU Fellow Studies Cambodian Music

Film student Phally Chroy, one of the first group of Fulbright-mtvU Fellows, traveled to Cambodia where he studied the Golden Era of Cambodian music. Chroy was making a documentary film exploring how the post-Khmer generation used this music to reconstruct their identity and rediscover their cultural roots. He was affiliated with the Cambodian Research and Development Institute and the Bophana Audiovisual Research Center. Chroy is pursuing a Masters of Fine Arts at Temple University in Film and Media Arts. His films include *I Am Dancer in My Heart, Family*, and *How I See the World*. His works have been screened at the Institute of Contemporary Art at the University of Pennsylvania.

Photo by: Chean Long



*Fulbright-mtvU
Fellow Phally Chroy
with local children in
Cambodia.*

KOREA

Fulbrighter Lectures on U.S. History in Korea

Fulbright Scholar Dr. Beth Salerno's 2007-2008 Fulbright grant to the Republic of Korea was to lecture on U.S. history, including issues of gender, race, and citizenship. Pyeongtaek University was her host institution. Salerno is pictured (at right) giving a lecture on "How the American Revolution Helped to Shape Modern American Culture" at an international conference in November 2007, sponsored by the American-Canadian Studies Institute at Chungnam National University in Daejeon. Salerno is an Associate Professor of History at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire.



U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Korea Beth Salerno.

Old-Time Mountain Music Comes to Modern Korea

In March 2008, Fulbright Scholar Daniel Margolies, a Professor of U.S. History from Virginia Wesleyan University and 2007-2008 Lecturer at Sogang University, held a concert series entitled "Evenings of Old Time Music with the Five Point Serenaders" at locations in and around Seoul, Korea. Sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy, the series introduced university students to folk music from the American South and culminated in a square dance with calls announced in both English and Korean. "Korea has been an ideal place to explore how music plays a unique role in global cultures in greater depth in part because it has such a deservedly proud and well developed sense of the importance and vitality of traditional music making," Margolies wrote in an article for the Korea Fulbright Commission magazine.



Photo by: Brett McNeil

Daniel Margolies plays banjo at 3rd CheonAn-GukWan Temple Festival with haegum player JiYoon Chun.



Photo by: Jim Matthews

Five Point Serenaders play at Sogang University in Seoul, Korea. From left to right: Fulbright Scholar Daniel Margolies on banjo, fellow musicians Chuck Horneman on fiddle and Todd Cambio on guitar.

INDONESIA

English Teaching Assistant Teaches English and American Culture



Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Jamie Stewart (standing) with her high school students in Indonesia.

U.S. Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Jamie Stewart said of her English Teaching Assistant (ETA) experience to Bandung, West Java, in December 2007, "I was eager to explain to the students what had brought me to their high school in Indonesia and...my motivations for becoming an ETA in the first place...The classroom visits that first day helped me realize the full responsibility inherent in teaching English in a foreign culture. Beyond explaining the nuts and bolts of grammar and expanding their vocabularies...providing a more balanced perspective on American life." Stewart is a 2007 graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Washington.

